

REMARKS:

The Office Action dated April 4, 2006, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the present paper is being submitted. In view of this paper and, in particular, the arguments presented below, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and issuance a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-11, 13-19, 22-24, 26, 27, 29, and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 22, and 26 are the only independent claims.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, and 22 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 11 of Abas, Inc.'s U.S. Patent No. 6,910,391 entitled "Magnetized Torque Transducer Elements." Claims 3-4, 7-11, 14-19, and 23-24 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

The following remarks are believed to address each of those objections and rejections.

Terminal Disclaimer

A terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith in response to the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, and 22 are respectfully requested. Because claims 3-4, 7-11, 14-19, and 23-24 depend from those claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of those claims are also respectfully requested.